discussion in this matter is going on between the State Government and the agitation leaders.

Granting of citizenship

1389. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many people were granted citizenship in India during the last three years, year-wise and state-wise:

(b) how many applications were rejected during this period for citizenship, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) whether any complaints have been received in this regard by Government during the last three years, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) A statement giving the information in respect of persons granted Indian citizenship by the Central Government and applications rejected by the Central Government is attached. [*See* Appendix XXXVIII Annexure No. 40].

(c) No complaints have been received by the Central Government regarding grant/rejection of applications made for Indian Citizenship.

Study on drug abuse in Tihar Jail

1390. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey or study have been conducted about drug abuse in the Tihar Jail in the past;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) what steps are being taken to contain drug abuse in Tihar Jail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The problem of drug abuse in Tihar Jail is of considerable magnitude. On 28th February, 1986 out of 630 under trials under non IPC offences lodged in the Jail as many as 230 were detained in cases involving narcotics substances, such as, smack, charas, ganja etc. Habitual prisoners are using variety of means for the smuggling of drugs. Action is being taken under Jail Manual against prisoners found with drugs.

(c) Apart from routine search, surprise searches have been increased. All known addicts are kept under strict surveillance. In addition, deaddiction programme is being run in the jail as a welfare measure.

Pollution due to Thermal Power Station in Delhi

1391. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the air around various thermal power stations in Delhi is polluted because of the burning of coal;

(b) if so, what are the measures already taken and are proposed to be taken to minimise this type of pollution; and

(c) whether Government have made any detailed study of the pollution being caused by the Badarpur and Indraprastha Power Stations in Delhi and the impact it is having on various localities around them, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) According to the ambient air quality data near Indraprastha Thermal Power Station and Badarpur Thermal Power Station, the

levels of Sulphur-dioxide and Oxides of Nitrogen are within the permissible limits; however, the levels of particulate matter are on the high side. This is due to the unsatisfactory functioning of the Electro-Static Precipitators (ESP's) in some units. The concerned authorities have been asked to instal efficient Electrostatic Precipitators to minimise the emission of particulate matter.

(c) No, Sir.

Equal pay for equal work

1392. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has in the judgement earlier declared equal pay for equal work as a Fundamental Right;

(b) whether the Home Ministry has issued directives/directions to all Departments to pay equal for equal work;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the names of Central departments, Public Undertakings who have failed to implement the said directions so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Equal remuneration to men and women workers for the same work or work of a similar nature is covered by the provisions of the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976. The Act provides that no employer shall pay to any worker, employed by him in an establishment or employment remuneration, whether payable in cash or kind, at rates less favourable than those at which remuneration is paid by him to workers of the opposite sex in such establishment or employment for the same work or work of a similar nature. As far as the Supreme Court order referred to in the question is concerned, (presumably the Hon'ble Member has in view the Court's Judgement in Writ Petition No. 4676 of 1978) the Delhi Administration has informed that it has been implemented by revising the pay-scales of Drivers of Delhi Police with effect from 1-1-1973.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Collection of funds in Bombay to assist extremists in Punjab

1393. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in "Navbharat Times" of 23rd February, 1986 to the effect that according to a high level enquiry, it has been found that lacs of rupees collected from Bombay have been sent to Punjab to help and assist the extramists;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken against those who collected and donated the money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) Government has seen the news item. Collection of funds from Bombay to help extremists in Punjab has not come to notice so far.

(c) Does not arise.

Improvement of Service Conditions of Defence Personnel

1394. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken recently by Government to improve